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Title : METHOD FOR GENERATING A DIVERSE SET OF TRAVEL OPTIONS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed May 8, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The system 10 also includes a plurality of clients 30a-30c implemented by terminals or preferably personal computers. The clients include monitors 40 to display travel options generally through a graphical user interface implemented as a web page, and so forth. The clients 30a-30c are coupled to the server 12 via a network 22, which is also used to couple the remote resources 21a-21b that supply the databases 20a-20b to the server 12. The network 22 can be any local or wide area network or an arrangement such as the Internet. Typically, in response to a query from a client station, the server 12 will generate a list of travel options. The server or the client or an intermediate computer includes a diversity process 50 (as will be further discussed below) to insure that if the list of travel options is relatively long, a diverse set of those travel options will be displayed on the client systems 30. The client can include a client process 36 and is fed a diverse set of travel options from a larger set 26 that is determined by the server

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